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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on October 8, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The drawing objection to Figure 6 has not been sufficiently addressed since changing the uppermost occurrence of numeral 46A to 46B is inaccurate, and a supplemental proposed drawing change for Figure 6 should be submitted changing only the lower occurrence of numeral 46A to 46B (the other drawing sheets do not need to be resubmitted).

The specification objection to page 11, line 23 has not been sufficiently addressed, and it is suggested to change "separately" to --apart--.

The rejection under 35 USC 112 to claim 1, line 1 has not been addressed. It is noted that the conveying device is disclosed as features 21 and 23, but neither of these features is claimed, and thus it seems that something other than a conveying apparatus is being claimed. A correction, clarification or explanation should be provided.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Tuesday through Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3590; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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